The Baronial Shaft

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The official newsletter of the Barony of al-Barran April 2012 (AS XLVI)

From the Baron and Baroness

Greetings unto All

Last month was filled with good things and good people. Otto attended Southern War practice hosted by St. Golias, we traveled to the Citadel for Crown Tournament (and what a tournament it was!), and we enjoyed learning new things at Heralds and Scribes. We joined their Royal Majesties and their Royal Highnesses taking the field (and shops!) at Estrella. There will be many tales told of courage and valor by those who traveled to War, and a number of humorous accounts as well, no doubt!

We invite all to enjoy Sworded Affaire and Investiture in Fontaine dans Sable April 7th with us. Although we will not be attending, we encourage those who plan to go to Kingdom A&S and Known World Cooks and Bards in the northern area of the Kingdom to collaborate and ride share if able. Near the close of the month, the Incipient Shire of Bryngalou is offering a Mayday Event and Oxygen Quest that piques her Excellencie's interest.

Just before leaving for Estrella, his Excellency Otto went walkabout on the the Grand Outlandish site in Torrance County Park with the event steward, staff, and interested parties. The weather was glorious, and we hope that fair weather will again envelope the site for Grand Outlandish 39! Clean up dates have been scheduled for April and May - if interested in helping, please contact Sir Dennis. Check the event website often as information is updated.

Brewers, take notice: there will be a brewing competition at Outlandish! Her Excellency is excited to be a volunteer member of the judging panel. Cooks: don't miss out on the opportunity to practice your seige cooking - we hear there are just a limited number of baskets. Fighters: now that Estrella has passed, repair your armor and prepare for Outlandish melees and tournaments. Artisans: you're invited to share your creations and knowledge of your craft. Archers: wax your strings and check your arrows and bow limbs. Targets await! Volunteers: there is no shortage of needs for you to meet. There is something for everyone at Grand Outlandish 39!

Thank you to those who submitted entries in the Baronial Written Bardic Contest! What an amazing and talented Barony this is! The winner will be published in the May edition of the Baronial Shaft and receive one paid admission to Grand Outlandish 39.

Warm regards,

Otto Elisée

The Baronial Court

Baron
Otto der Schwarzherz

Baroness
Elisee de Calais

Baroness's Champion
Lord Tam McGrimm of Fontaine dans Sable

Baronial Court Chamberlain
Lady Shazadi

Captain of the Guard
THL Kaz de Rhode
Lt. Lord Godfrey

Captain of the Condotierri
Lord Vicente Zorro de Caloca

Guardsmen
Trygvve, Arturo, Lord Kendrick, Sigurth Kveld-Ulf, Lord Gwydion, Ld Chagatai

Condotierri
Lord Reniere, Lord Sorkhan, Lady Michelaine, Lord Nolan, THL Geoffrey

Mistress of the Robes
Lady Solveig Hakonsdottir

Master Swordsman
Count Walrick de Blakeney

Head Lady in Waiting
THL Ceridwen de Gyrlyngton

Camp Coordinator
Lord Alysander Keyth

Ladies in Waiting
Lady Shazadi of the Barking Spyder, Lady Isabella, Lady Willocqeau, Lady Arianna

Premier Blade
Lord Gatlon de Sepatura of Fontaine dans Sable

Outlandish Blade
Don Michael McQuillan

Lady of May
Countess Cecilia Mowebray

Lord of Outlandish
Count Walrick de Blakeney

Cut and Thrust Champion
Lord Godric (Premier)

Flower of Chivalry
THL Beatrice De Craie

Rapier Flower of Chivalry
Lord Sorkhan Aratai

Bard of al-Barran
Lord Fynn of Blaiddwyn

Protector of the Baroness's Heart
Lord Vicente Zorro de Caloca

Champion Archer
Mistress Beau Marishka of the Romanies

Lord Commander
Earl Cameron Blackswan

Baronial Arts and Science Champion
Lady Wu

Baronial Household Steward
Lord Lucas

Mayday Festival and Oxygen Quest

It is our pleasure to invite one and all to celebrate the Return of Spring, and the Society New Year, with the Incipient Shire of Bryngolau. Our first official event will be a Mayday Festival and Oxygen Quest, held on April 28. The day will feature fighting, dancing, frivolity, food, and laughs in our beautiful 7500 foot high forests.

The day will begin with the Oxygen Quest. Test your skills against the high mountain air, and your opponents, in this heavy weapons tournament. Prizes will include blackened steel armor made by the hand of Master Christopher Blackwood.

Following the fighting we will treat you to a lunch, overseen by the incomparable Doña Theresa.

No Mayday celebration would be complete without a Maypole dance, which will be followed by the raising of the Shire Banner. The afternoon will conclude with court dancing under the pavilion. Do not worry if you know little or nothing of dance, there will have instructors and we will laugh with you, not at you, when you stumble!

Bryngolau is known for having fun and games and this event will be no exception, with field and table games for your enjoyment.

So please mark your calendars and help the Bright Mountain bring in the SCA New Year in style.

Date: April 28, 9:00am - 4:00pm

Location: North Mesa Park in Los Alamos, NM

Site Fees: Adults $7.00, children $3.00, $5.00 NMS applied

Autocrat: THLord Llywus ap Alan

Tourney Coordinator: Lord Einarr Skallagrimsson

Site is wet.

Directions: Get to Los Alamos by the most convenient method. Drive past the airport on Trinity, through 3 traffic lights. Turn right onto Diamond Dr. at the hospital (this is a large intersection). Follow Diamond past a couple lights and gas stations. When you are passing the golf course get in the left hand lane. Go through the round-a-bout and up the hill. The park is about ½ mile on your left. A map to the event is available on our website (http://www.bryngolau.org/mayday.php).

Grand Outlandish XXXIX

Grand Outlandish XXXIX is going to be great!!!

We open the event on May 24th at 8 AM and will close the site on May 28th at noon. Visit the www.grandoutlandish.org site and look at the Arts and Sciences classes (under A and S), the contests and tournaments (under Contests), and other important pages. Saturday night we will have drumming, dancing, storytelling, songs, and other fun events. Please stop at each merchant and buy that special item for your loved one or yourself.

The two walk-arounds at the north end of the park have shown that the wind break does work. Join us and see. Handicap parking and limited RV parking (no hookups) are available. We look forward to seeing you there!

Fees:
Adults (16 - 90): $25 Child (10 - 15 years): $15 Child (1 - 10 years): Free Family Cap: $50 (must pre-reg)

Merchant Fee: All merchants are to pre-register (look under the Merchant page). Each merchant fee includes one site fee.

Pre-registration: Please go to www.grandoutlandish.org to get the pre-registration form for either the participant or merchant. Print out the pre-registration form, fill it out completely, print carefully, attach your check (made out to SCA al-Barran), and send it in to: P.O. Box 27676 Albuquerque, NM 87125. Credit cards for pre-registration will be accepted via ACCEPS until May 1st (link to ACCEPS provided under Pre-Reg page on web site).

Directions: From I-25 and I-40, travel east and exit at 187. Turn right onto road NM-344 and travel south. Turn left onto road NM-333 and travel east. Turn right onto road Co Rd A093/Lexco and travel south. Turn right onto road Co Rd A099/Martinez and travel west. Turn left into Torrance County Park.

Sir Dennis the Wright
Autocrat
sirdenniswright@comcast.net
(505) 350-9691 before 9PM.

Arts and Sciences list of classes (additions/deletions possible – check future articles):
Lady Elia Stefansdottir (Beth Beaver) - Arabic Singing
Lady Elia Stefansdottir (Beth Beaver) - Arabic Ensemble
SIgurdr Kveld-Ulfr (Colin Campbell) - Beginning chess
Friar Raymond (Ray Driver) - Making your own cordials and liquors Class limited to 15 persons, must be 21 or over as there will be tasting.
Katharine of Northhall (Kathleen Buckley) - 16th Century Spanish Garb
Master Adam Stedfast (Adam Hathaway) - Ask-A-Peer
Llywus ap Alan Arglwydd and Lady Elanor O'Halloraine - Fabric Painting for Banners and Tents
Class Limit: 12 students Class Fee: $5.00
Druid (Jerry Rolfe) - Spoon-carving
Pipa de Blakemere (Michelle Childers) - Making buttons
Ingvald Havskjold Lodhurrson and Peder - Viking Reenactment
Cerydwende Gyrlyngton (Melanie Templet) - Camp Cooking
Sisuile (Kathy McKibben) Small woven pouch and finger looping, Natural dyeing
THLady Maimuna - A&S Documentation 101 Age Limit: 12 years or older Class Limit: 8
Lady Wu Xi Lian (Marina Martinez) - Kumihimo Materials Fee: $2 Limits: 10 students

Sorkhan - Fencing 101
Lady Jorhildr Hrafnskald Cuileann (Quillon Campbell) - Making leather masks
Fighting Schedule (additions/deletions possible – check future articles):

Thursday
5:00 PM to dark -- rapier pickups on the list field

Friday
10:00 AM - Lord of Outlandish
1:00 PM - Outlandish Blade
3:00 PM - Archer of Outlandish
Evening (after court) - Bottle Tourney
Roving Archery Tourney starts

Saturday
10:00 AM - Knight Bannerette
Noon - Citadel Speed Tourney (heavy)
1:00 PM - Citadel Speed Tourney (light)
2:30 PM - "Not a Rapier Tourney" Cut & Thrust Tourney

Sunday
10:00 AM - Pirate Pancake Tourney (light) and Heavy Melees
12:30 PM - Musketeers Battle (light)
Roving Archery Tourney ends

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Greetings from the al-Barran Webminister,

This month's business is as follows.

Corrections 18
Average turnaround 22.3 hours

Projects Status

- Miniblog systems for the officers pages.
- Help Wanted Page -- DONE
- Admin for the baronial retinue page
- Poll system -- DONE
- Generate event page from the official data with a tool to show the B&B progression as well. Marc is creating a DB view so that webminister won't be able to clobber the data but make it available. -- DONE
- researching other 'social' services that might be useful for the barony
- authentication & authorization system -- DONE
- Grand Outlandish website – provided technical assistance -- DONE

Garreth Silverthane
al-Barran Webminister
http://al-barran.outlands.org/

Greetings, al-Barran!

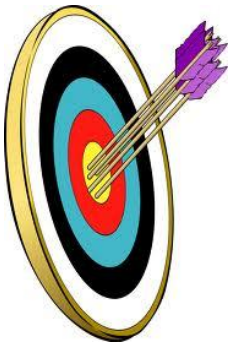
For those who volunteered for the Boy Scouts demo on February 25th, I want to thank you for your assistance. It could not have been done without you, and I thank you for giving your time so generously!

We have another demo coming up on April 27th; the GT program at Marie Hughes Elementary School has spent the year learning about the Middle Ages, and our demo is to be the culmination of their efforts. Please contact me if you wish to volunteer.

We have also been asked to participate in this year's Rio Grande Celtic Festival in May; many other local groups take part in this event, and I believe it would be a great way to show what the SCA is all about. Please keep an eye on the list, as information will be forthcoming shortly.

In service,

Lady Pipa de Blakemere



Monthly Archery Report for Barony of al-Barran
19 March 2012
Lord Guy Herbert of Rutland
al-Barran Captain of the Archers

Archery is still alive in al-Barran, despite my best efforts (Sorry Mika – inside joke). Attendance was down this month partially due to the weather a couple of weekends ago plus a local event that kept some of our folks away. In general we've had between 3-8 shooters each week.

We did have a small fun shoot this past weekend to celebrate St. Patrick's day. We had a couple of targets with felt "pots of gold" and shamrock cut-outs with different scores marked in them. All of our shooters seemed to have a good time with the shoot.

Our Blaiddwyn archers have continued with their practices with 3-4 shooters each week.

Druid, O'Engus, and myself looked over the Grand Outlandish site to determine where archery will be located and determined that Archery will be just up the road from its normal site even though the rest of the camping and event will be up the hill. This will require more advertising before and during the event to bring as many shooters down the hill to join us on the range.

No incidences or injuries to report this month.

YIS,
Lord Guy Herbert of Rutland
al-Barran Captain of the Archers

From The Scorpion Pursuviant

Greetings

al-Barran's Court Report for Outlands Heralds and Scribes

Awards given by Their Excellences, Don Otto and Her Ladyship Elisee

Antares Kano

Trygvve

Eoghan MacArthur

Elwynne Liers

Bubba of Wolfhou

Scorpion

Lady Caltsuna of Blaiddwyn

Heart of the Scorpion

Mistress Ymanya Murray

Thank you to the scribes for the beautiful scrolls given this past weekend.

Lady Elise became Her Excellency Elisee's newest lady in waiting.

In Service
THLady Bronwen Keyth of Blackwell
Scorpion Pursuviant

Heralds and Scribes Thanks

Greetings all!

I would like to thank everyone who joined us for Heralds and Scribes Symposium this past Saturday! It was a truly wonderful day with great classes, delicious food and amazing company.

Thanks to Her Majesty Gilliana for joining us. Thanks to Their Excellencies Otto and Elisee for their support and for enjoying the day with us.

My deepest thanks to my event staff, who made things go that much more smoothly:
Site Steward - THL Cerydwen de Gyrlyngton
Food Coordinators - Mistress Monika von Zell, Mistress Cailte Caitchairn and Mistress Richenza le Wydu
Royal/Baronial Room Food - THL Theresa Yolanda Cabeza de Vaca (and most heartfelt congratulations for her offer of admittance to the Order of the Laurel!)
Heraldic Class Coordination - Sheik Omar Mohammud Mirzazadeh
Scribal Class Coordination and Web Site Coordinator - Mistress Bennet Murray
Gate Coordinator - Lord Anzelm Kowalski and Mistress Catriona, THL Cassandra, and THL Cerydwen for taking gate shifts
Site Token Design - THL Llywus ap Alan
Site Tokens - Toadland Pewter

Thanks to everyone who helped us set up – Mistress Bennet, Mistress Monika, Mistress Richenza, Mistress Cailte, Lady Elise and THL Cerydwen.

And thank you to everyone who helped tear down and clean up the site. I left the hall to see to the two buildings with classrooms, and when I returned, clean up was almost complete! You were all amazing! I know I will leave out names, since so much was done that I didn't see, but thanks to everyone who helped! For those I saw, thanks to Mistress Bennet, Mistress Monika, Mistress Cailte, Lady Elise, THL Cassandra, THL Cerydwen, THL Geoffrey, Lord Anzelm, and Lady Amelia (and congratulations for her receiving the Silver Stirrup!).

Again, my thanks to everyone who attended and everyone who helped make this such a great event. Please know that any names omitted are only due to my scattered recall and you have my thanks!

Thank you!
Ymanya
Event Steward

Calendar of Events

Please visit www.outlands.org or see the Outlandish Herald for more information.

Websites

Society: http:// sca.org **Kingdom:** http:// www.outlands.org
Baronial: http:// al-barran.outlands.org
College of Blaiddwyn: http://www.unm.edu/~sca/index.html

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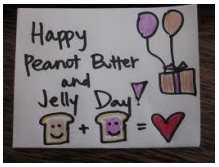
1 Fighter Practice (11:00 am) Montgomery Park	2 	3 *Blaiddwyn Populace Meeting*	4 Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice	5 *Blaiddwyn A&S Meetings*	6 Sorry Charlie Day 	7 Archery Practice
8 Fighter Practice (11:00 am) Montgomery Park	9 Blaiddwyn Dance Practice	10 Scribes Workshop *Newcomers Meeting*	11 Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice	12 	13 Pecan Day 	14 Archery Practice GOT walk about and clean up!
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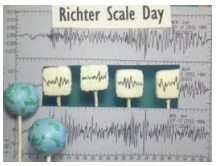
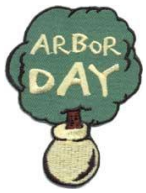
22 Fighter Practice (11:00 am) Montgomery Park	23 Blaiddwyn Dance Practice	24 Scribes Workshop	25 Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice	26  Richter Scale Day	27 	28 Archery Practice
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Monthly Activities

Citizens Meetings: Held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at the Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center located at 501 Elizabeth St. SE, Albuquerque, NM. Meetings begin at 6:30 pm. For information email seneschal@al-barran.org

Fighter Practice: Sunday from 11:00 am until 4:00 pm at Montgomery Park located on Comanche near San Mateo. For heavy weapon fighting information, contact Viscount Sir Eldr Fredrikson. For rapier fighting information, contact Don Michael M'Quilline.

Archery Practice:
Location: Every Saturday Time: 10:00am - 12:00pm
Occurrence: During the colder months (roughly December through April) it's at Sir Stefan's Winter Wander Range. During the warmer months (May through November) it's at Master Tore's.
Discription: This Weekly practice to sharpen your skills for the range and the field.
Directions: Directions to the Summer Mountain Range: Take I-40 to Tijeres, stay in the middle lane and continue straight after the stop light, (Highway 337) continue to mile marker 20 you will see a sign for the town of Yissiry. Turn right at the second Woodpecker Circle turnoff and it's the first house on the left.
Directions to the Winter Wander Range: It is located just south of Menaul Blvd NE (parking is available in the lot on the SW corner of Menaul and Broadway) Entrance to the range is the alleyway immediately south of the PINK apartments on the west side of Broadway. Follow the wooden fence west to the archery range.
Contact: Archery Captain Lord Guy Herbert of Rutland for additional information

Scribal Workshop: The Scribes meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 6:00 pm. The workshop is held at various places around the Barony. Please contact Mistress Ymanya.

Newcomers Household Meeting: Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm. For more information please contact Lady Pipa, her info is on the inside front cover of this publication

The College of Blaiddwyn's Populace Meeting: Held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Frontier Restaurant across from UNM at Central and Cornell. Contact Caltsuna via email at either sca@unm.edu for more information.

The College of Blaiddwyn's Fighter Practice: Heavy and Rapier fighter practice are held on Wednesday (during daylight savings time months while school is in session) starting at 7:00 pm at Johnson Field on UNM campus. Please contact the officers of Blaiddwyn at sca@unm.edu.

The College of Blaiddwyn's Dance Practices: Court Dance and Middle Eastern Dance practices at Blaiddwyn will be held on the second and fourth Monday evenings in the SUB between 6:30 – 8:30 pm.

The College of Blaiddwyn's A & S Night: First and third Wednesday nights from 7 – 9 pm in the 3rd floor of the SUB. Contact the College at sca@unm.edu.

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